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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are cited herewith:

United States Patent US 6,087, 598 (Munch), dated July 11, 2000;

United States Patent US 6,129,168 (Lotito et al.), dated October 10, 2000;

United States Patent US 4,827,240 (Häfner), dated May 2, 1989, and corresponding German Published Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 36 27 127 A1, dated February 18, 1988;

United States Patent US 6,323,443 B1 (Aoki et al.), dated November 27, 2001, corresponding German Published Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 199 25 877 A1, dated January 20, 2000, and corresponding German Published Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 199 24 002 A1, dated November 30, 2000;

English abstract of German Published Non-Prosecuted Patent Application
DE 199 46 352 A1 (Wagner et al.), dated March 29, 2001;

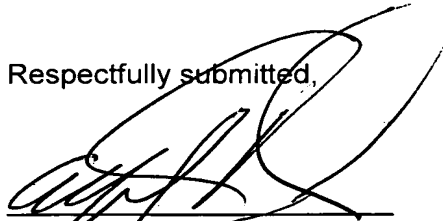
English abstract of German Published Non-Prosecuted Patent Application
DE 103 03 706 A1 (Dirmeyer et al.), dated April 14, 2005

East German Patent DD 23 506 (Brunner), dated August 6, 1962: This reference pertains to a spring body for measuring the tractive and compressive forces in form of a cylindrical hollow body, the front walls of which twist elastically as membranes by means of the axially attacking tractive and compressive forces to be measured. Due to this deformation they permit the indication of the forces in a mechanical or electrical manner possible. The spring body is composed of 2 parts, designed as hollow cylinders, which are closed on one end, which parts have several slots, distributed evenly around the cylinder axis, and radially extending in parallel at the lateral area and at the front wall.

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